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THURSDAY
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We resumed our meetings this morning and concluded before 1:00 o'clock.

I think our deliberations were useful, and they rather fully covered the three matters which Livy brought before us:

A. 1. What are the chances of action by the French Parliament on EDC before the summer recess?

2. What might be done to obtain action before recess?

B. If the recess occurs without a vote having been taken -

1. What might be done to obtain consideration by the Parliament in the autumn on EDC?

2. How can Germany and our other allies be kept moderately satisfied in the face of inevitable discouragement? The same applies to U. S. public, Congressional and Administration opinion.

C. What, if any, acceptable alternatives to EDC exist? (None of those present could think of a good one.)

News had come through this morning of the majority vote in the French Parliament against Laniel in the late hours of the night. The situation will only become clearer after the vote on the question of confidence which will take place Saturday night.

E. and I lunched with Nancy Lancaster, and afterwards all three of us went to the antique dealers' exhibition. Then, we went to the bookseller Thorp, on Albemarle Street, where I bought some French books at considerably lower prices than they could be obtained in Paris.

We left about 5:00 o'clock from the airport on the USRO plane for Paris, where we arrived in time for dinner.

The Jameses came in later. This will be their last night with us, since, to our great regret, they are leaving tomorrow for England.

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